

Once again we are confronted with the seemingly implacable urge by members of Congress to limit and control the access of ordinary Americans to a broad range of media. Even Chairman Mao once said "Let a thousand flowers bloom!" Yet Congress is bent on preventing choice. We have been down this road often in the past. Consider the years of battle that cable television spent in overcoming the restrictions and regulations imposed by our legislators. The usual vested interests who want to avoid any change that might threaten their holdings have decided that satellite radio needs to be limited. These are the same forces that want to box in every technology that provides greater choice and less control. There is absolutely no valid reason why the Congress should be limiting what can be broadcast on satellite radio which is a subscription service that has nothing to do with the "public airways" which are, in reality, owned and controlled by the forces that see such a subscriber service as a threat to their income.